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The following supplementary information on the 1st Guards Artillery Division, now at Lvov, Ukraine, is the remainder of a report which was previously cabled in part and distributed as [REDACTED] 25X1A

1. Full name: 1st Guards Artillery "Glukhov", Order of Lenin, Red Banner, Orders of Suworov, Kutuzov, and Bogdan Khmel'nitsky, Break-Through Division of GHQ Reserve.
2. Subordination: While in Austria, it was under Lt. Gen. Varentsov, artillery commander of the Central Group of Forces.
3. Staff officers:

Commanding General: Major General Khusid

Chief of Staff: Lt. Col. Zhuravlov, formerly CO of the 30th Mortar Brigade, disbanded in May 1945.

4. Age groups: The division is composed of an estimated 3,000 to 4,000 men, all in age groups 1923 through 1928. On about 15 February, orders were received to demobilize the classes of 1923 and 1924 - the former immediately and the latter in June 1947 - although actually most 1923 men had been demobilized by the time the order was received. The few men from the class of 1928 are mostly former forced laborers acquired outside the USSR.

5. Components and equipment:

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- a. The "Vanyusha" multiple rocket launcher is a double-decker, similar in appearance to the 8 cm projector. However, [REDACTED] was not familiar with the size of the projectile, except he had heard it weighed 96 kg.

- b. 16th Heavy Mortar Brigade

- (1) Full name: 16th Heavy Mortar "Kielce", Order of Kutusov, Order of Bogdan Khmelnitsky Brigade.

- (2) Personalities: Commanding Officer: Col. Saltson  
Chief of Staff: Maj. Tkachev  
Political Deputy: Lt. Col. Borsuk

- (3) APO number: 52054 M

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- (4) Vehicle markings: "C" on windshield. License numbers usually begin with "X".
- (5) Components: 4 battalions, each of 4 or 5 batteries depending on strength. NCO school.
- (6) Strength: 700-800 officers and enlisted men. Although each battery has a T/O of 48 men, actual strength varies from 30 to 50 men per battery.
- (7) Equipment: Approximately 45 M1944 160 mm mortars, plus a few in repair.

c. 528th Separate Medical Sanitary Co.

Chief Surgeon: Maj. Zelenov  
 Medical Officer: Maj. Shekhter  
 Asst. Surgeon: Capt. Timoshen

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- 25X1A 6. 16th Brigade NCO School: [REDACTED] Each brigade has its own NCO school.)  
 [REDACTED] reported that the schools attached to each brigade had been dissolved.)

a. Personalities: Commanding Officer: Maj. Molchanov  
 Chief of Staff: Capt. Yakushov  
 Political Deputy: Sr. Lt. Bilnitson

b. Strength: 160 students.

c. Components:

Firing battery  
 Administration battery  
 Transportation platoon

d. Curriculum:

In an 11 months' course, the NCO school gives instruction in the weapon of its own brigade -- in this case the 160 mm mortar. There are six hours of instruction daily, of which two are devoted to political subjects. The course, which was originally to have been eight months long, was extended to 11 months. Depending on the marks he receives in the school, on completing the course each man is made a corporal, junior sergeant, or sergeant. [REDACTED] said the instruction included nothing about the armament, employment, or personalities of units other than the student's own.)

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7. Morale in 16th Brigade

- a. Since 1 January 1947, there have been 12 desertions from this brigade, as far as [REDACTED] knows. Of these, two were NCO's, two were from the NCO school, and the rest were privates from the battalions. Four deserters were captured, tried before the entire brigade, and given sentences of 10 to 15 years.

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b.

- c. A former forced laborer, member of the 16th Brigade, was sentenced to ten years for being overheard to remark that the food in the American Army was superior to that in the Soviet Army.

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